

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for using a personal digital assistant to browse and select program listings, the method comprising:

browsing one or more program listings to select a given program listing, the
5 program listings presented on the personal digital assistant through the use of a local electronic program guide;

where a program corresponding to the given program listing is not being aired when selected, marking the given program for a reminder in the local electronic program guide;

synchronizing the reminder in the local electronic program guide with a remote
10 electronic program guide running on a remote device.

2. The method of claim 1 comprising tuning the program on a display device where the program corresponding to the given program listing is being aired when selected.

3. The method of claim 1 comprising:

marking the given program listing in the local electronic program guide with a
15 video record mark, the mark indicating that the program associated with the given program listing is to be recorded at it's air time; and

synchronizing the video record mark in the local program guide with the remote electronic program guide running on a remote device.

4. The method of claim 1 comprising

20 marking the given program listing in the local electronic program guide with a video record mark, the mark indicating that the program associated with the given program listing is to be recorded at it's air time; and

copying one or more parameters associated with the given program listing to a recording device to instruct the recording device to record the program associated with the given program listing.

5 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of copying one or more parameters comprises copying a channel the program is airing on, a title of the program, a start time of the program, an end time of the program, and a description of the program.

6. The method of claim 1 comprising marking the given program for a reminder in a calendar application on the personal digital assistant.

10 7. The method of claim 6 comprising issuing an alert when the given program is scheduled to air.

8. A system for using a personal digital assistant to browse and select program listings, the system comprising:

15 a program listing server to distribute program guide data over a distribution network;

20 a mobile computing device storing a local electronic program guide, the mobile computing device operative to receive the program guide data, which is presented by the local electronic program guide, the local program guide further operative to receive input to set a recording mark or a future program reminder; and

25 a remote electronic program guide operative to synchronize the recording mark or future program reminder set on the local program guide.

9. The system of claim 8 wherein the mobile computing device comprises a personal digital assistant.

10. The system of claim 8 wherein the mobile computing device comprises calendar software.

11. The system of claim 10 wherein the calendar software records the future program reminder.

5 12. The system of claim 8 wherein the future program reminder comprises a broadcast channel, a program title, a start time and an end time.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein the calendar software issues an alert when the start time is arrived at.

10 14. The system of claim 8 wherein the personal digital assistant is operative to synchronize the recording mark with a recording device.

15 15. The system of claim 8 wherein the personal digital assistant is operative to synchronize the recording mark with the remote electronic program guide.

16. The system of claim 8 wherein the remote electronic program guide is resident on a set top terminal.

15 17. A method for using a personal digital assistant to browse and select program listings, the method comprising:

browsing one or more program listings to select a given program listing, the program listings presented by a remote electronic program guide;

20 where a program corresponding to the given program listing is not being aired when selected, marking the given program for a reminder in the remote electronic program guide;

synchronizing the reminder in the remote electronic program guide with a local electronic program guide running on a personal digital assistant.

18. The method of claim 17 comprising browsing the program listings presented
by a remote electronic program guide stored on a set top terminal.

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